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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE CONFIRMS BENIN GOVT WILLING

COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOBIL AND TEXACO

REF A - COTONOU 183, B - COTONOU 138,

1. AT COB FEB 11 EMBASSY RECEIVED LONG-AWAITED NOTE ON IN-DEMNIFICATION OF TEXACO AND MOBIL'S NATIONALIZED INTERESTS IN BENIN. NOTE WAS PREDATED FEB 6 AND REFERENCES ONLY OUR NOTE OF DEC 12, 1975. THAT NOTE COVERED AMB'S LETTER TO INDUSTRY MIN ATCHADE AGAIN URGING HIM TO TAKE ACTIONS TO AVOID BENIN'S FALL FROM LIST OF COUNTRIES BENEFITING FROM GSP.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE TRANSMITS COPIES OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE'S JAN 27 LETTERS TO MOBIL AND TEXACO OFFICES IN ABIDJAN. THE LETTERS READ AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION): I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR INDEMNIFICATION SUBMISSION (DOSSIER DE DEMANDE D' INDEMNISATION)

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HAS JUST BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ME BY THE AD HOC COMMISSION CHARGED

WITH EVALUATION YOUR COMPANY'S PROPERTY AND HOLDINGS (PAT-RIMOINE). THE EXAMINATION OF THIS DOSSIER BY MY STAFF IS PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS AND SHOULD BE FINISHED AROUND 20 FEB 1976. WITH THE AIM OF OPENING NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PROPOSE A DATE TO ME ON WHICH YOU CAN COME TO COTONOU TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. SIGNED ISIDORE AMOUSSOU.  
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